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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Mr. George Beveridge, The Washington Star - NCPC Action Regarding Site for New CIA Building.

1. At about 6:15 p.m. on 2 February 1956 Mr. George Beveridge of The Washington Star telephoned. (He was actually returning my call of about 2:30 p.m. which I had placed to see if he could tell me what was taking place at the National Capital Planning Commission.) I told him that I had now learned what had happened and did not need to trouble him.

2. Mr. Beveridge wanted to know what action was in order at this time and I explained that we had not yet received any official notification and would have no comment until we had received such notification. He specifically asked whether we could now proceed without going back to the Congress and I told him that we could. He seemed to misunderstand the import of Mr. Dulles' letter of 23 January 1956 to the Commission in which it was stated that we must present our plans to the Congress during this session. I explained that this merely involved the remainder of our money and that we actually needed no further congressional action in order to select a site and proceed with our planning. He urged that we make an official statement as soon as we had received the official notification from the Planning Commission and I told him that I hoped we would be in a position to do so.

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